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No. 2507 Locust Street,
St. Louis, Mo., March 29, 1903.

I was a victim of sleeplessness and extreme nervousness for eighteen months, unable to get a proper night's rest and feeling tired and worn out continually. I was easily irritated and hysterical at the slightest provocation, but Wine of Cardui gave me great relief. Within a week after I began using it I had my first real good night's rest that I had had for months. My appetite was soon restored, my general system toned up and nervousness became a thing of the past. I am so pleased to acknowledge the great restorative merit of your health giving medicine and gladly endorse it.

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CHAIRMAN, LADIES OF HONOR, No. 27.

WINE OF CARDUI

We want to call your attention to the complete and immediate relief Mrs. Best secured by taking Wine of Cardui. Within a week after she began taking Wine of Cardui, Mrs. Best had her first good night's rest for eighteen months. Her restlessness was caused by nervousness and Wine of Cardui, as the best menstrual regulator, has no superior in the world as a medicine to soothe a woman's nerves. Nervousness and hysteria are warnings of the approach of insanity and if relief is not secured the end can only be the asylum or the grave. With such an outlook as this before her, no suffering woman can reasonably refuse to give Wine of Cardui a trial. It brings a cure that thousands of women have sought for in vain. Will you secure a bottle of Wine of Cardui today and start treatment? All druggists sell \$1.00 bottles Wine of Cardui.



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The La Salle Street Station in Chicago, which is used by the trains of the Rock Island System, is located in the very heart of the city, less than a block from the Board of Trade; less than two blocks from the Post Office; within easy walking distance of the principal hotels, theatres and stores.

You don't have to hire a cab to reach them. The "union loop" is right in front of the station. Pay 5 cents, get aboard the elevated, and you are whisked to any part of town you wish to reach.

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L. B. GORHAM, General Agent,
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Will be sold at same old price while it lasts.

Free Delivery in the City.

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IRON TRADE CONDITIONS

**Firmness of finished Product
Creates a Larger Volume
of Business.**

SOUTHERN PRICE GIVES WAY

**General Conditions of Market
Better Than for Some Time
Past—Buyers of Material
Are Protected.**

New York, Feb. 18.—In discussing conditions in the iron trade the Iron Age says:

The situation can hardly be said to show any pronounced tendency. Pig iron is a little weaker. Finished products, on the other hand, are generally firm and a larger volume of business is being done. The railroads are purchasing more freely. Transactions in steel rails in the last two weeks have aggregated at least 100,000 tons and negotiations are proceeding for further large lots. Prices have not been changed, but it is asserted that buyers are protected against declines. Large orders are given out by leading systems for railroad supplies of all kinds to cover requirements for the year and in such instances also they are protected.

Consumers of steel bars are reported to be purchasing more liberally, orders aggregating 30,000 tons having been placed by Ohio implement makers.

Pig iron is weaker in the west and south. The southern price, which had been held firmly for a time, has given way under the competition of northern iron in common markets. The price will probably decline a little further, when another buying movement may be expected, as there are plenty of consumers waiting for an opportunity to get in again on a lower level. The light sheet trade is again disturbed by the cutting of some independent mills.

The railroad companies are credited with maintaining the strength of scrap by withholding their accumulations from the market.

INTERESTS MUST BE POOLED.

**The Only Solution For the Present
Railway Trouble.**

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Paul Morton, vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway system, in an article just published by the university of Chicago Press, declares that pooling of interests is the solution of present railway troubles, and that it will be legalized in the near future. He gives as his opinion that the preferential rates which have resulted from the interstate commerce law prohibiting trusts and combinations are a menace to justice and fair play, and must be done away with. He says:

"I have always been an advocate of legalized pooling, because I believe it will go a long way toward insuring a maintenance of traffic and thereby prevent favoritism and inside rates to large shippers and great cities. I believe that the foundation of the state itself is threatened by any long continued discrimination against the small shipper and the small town."

"When all the railroads are owned by one syndicate," he continued, after a prophecy that such will be the case, "there will arrive a time when a vehement demand will be made for government ownership and operation of the railroads of the United States."

CHARITIES ARE BENEFITED.

**Half a Million Dollars Given to De-
serving Institution.**

New York, Feb. 18.—Half a million dollars will be given to poor relatives and to charitable institutions through the will of Louis Gans, formerly a resident of Helena, Mont., who died here at his home on February 5. Mr. Gans amassed a fortune in trade at Helena and among the numerous bequests which range from \$500 to \$25,000, are provisions for the distribution of \$300,000.

DISCRIMINATING LADIES.

**Enjoy Using Herpelide on Account of
Its Distinctiveness.**

The ladies who have used Newbro's Herpelide speak of it in the highest terms, for its quick effect in cleansing the scalp of dandruff and also for its excellence as a general hair-dressing. It makes the scalp feel fresh and it allays that itching which dandruff will cause. Newbro's Herpelide effectively cures dandruff, as it destroys the germ that causes it. The same germ causes hair to fall out, and later baldness; in killing it, Herpelide stops falling hair and prevents baldness. It is also an ideal hair dressing, for it lends an aristocratic charm to the hair that is quite distinctive. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpelide Co., Detroit, Mich.

T. F. LAURIN, Special Agent.

VALUE OF BEING UGLY AND HAVING RESIDENCE IN IOWA

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—(Special correspondence)—One of the most amusing voting contests yet inaugurated in connection with a free trip to the world's fair is just announced from Osceola, Iowa, where a local cigar manufacturing company proposes to reward physical ugliness most handsomely. The ugliest man in Osceola county, under the terms of the voting contest, is to be sent to the world's fair, armed with a round trip ticket, money to pay his hotel bill and tickets of admission to the exposition for one week—all gratis.

Every person buying one of the 5-cent cigars manufactured by the concern that is conducting the contest is entitled to deposit one vote for his favorite man, thereby expressing his opinion as to the identity of the ugliest citizen of the county. In order to protect all voters from possible wrath, the ballots are to be secret. No one is to know who casts the votes, though the progress of the contest is to be published from time to time in the local papers, so that all may know what candidate is in the lead and how the others stand.

The man receiving the largest number of votes between January 1 and July 1 will be declared elected. When he starts for the world's fair he will be accompanied to the railroad station by a brass band and a delegation of citizens, including the prettiest girl from each township in the county. There will be farewell speeches and bouquets, and possibly the pretty girls may be permitted to kiss the lucky ugly man goodbye.

It is stated by the world's fair correspondent at Osceola that there is a great stir amongst ugly men throughout the county. Some of the Osceola men

who have been tacitly suspected of homeliness throughout their careers have taken to the woods. Others known to be in danger have begun to wear more attractive clothing, keeping their whiskers and hair trimmed, and cultivating winsome smiles.

But there are several men in the county, it is stated, who acknowledge that they are homely—glory in it, in fact—and have put themselves into the race as avowed candidates for the honor of representing Osceola county at the world's fair. These men are asking their friends to help them win. Like political candidates, they are out after votes. One of them, in particular, is said to have announced his intention of making a thorough canvass of the county, exhibiting himself in each town, township, crossroads settlement and little red schoolhouse, so that all smokers of 5-cent cigars may take note of his homeliness and bear him in mind when casting their ballots. A rival candidate declares that he will buy up a large quantity of the cigars himself, casting the votes for himself, and present the cigars to his friends as an inducement to get them to buy more cigars and cast more votes. It is quite legitimate, he claims, for a candidate to pass around the cigars—it is done in every election.

The Osceola correspondent says that during this cold weather the candidates are not so active as they will be when balmy spring arrives. It is expected that they will bestir themselves vigorously about the first of April, and that even some of those who have taken to the woods to keep from becoming interested in the contest that they will return to town and announce their candidacy.

In this connection it may not be amiss to retell the story of Abraham Lincoln and the homely man. When Mr. Lincoln was a young lawyer he came face to face with a remarkably ugly man. The men stopped and stared at each other.

"Sir, I am going to kill you!" cried the stranger.

"And why, may I ask?" coolly inquired Lincoln. "What have you against me, sir?"

"I have nothing against you—nothing whatever," was the reply. "In fact, I am very sorry that I must kill you, but there is no way to get around it. If I let you live I shall be breaking my solemn word of honor, and that, sir, I cannot afford to do. Have you any message to send to your folks, or would you like to pray?"

"But first tell me," insisted Lincoln, "how it happens that you have got to kill me?"

"Simply this way, sir," replied the stranger. "Many years ago I was pronounced the ugliest man on earth, and I gloried in the honor. I made a solemn vow that if I ever found another man who was uglier than myself I would kill him."

Lincoln looked searchingly at the stranger.

"Do you think I am an uglier man than you?" he asked.

"I do."

"Then kill me at once," said Lincoln.

The sequel to this story is that the ugly man, highly complimented by this caustic cut, went to Osceola county, Iowa, and settled down. One of his sons, who inherited the father's claim to distinction, is now said to be a candidate for the world's fair trip.

DEADLY WAVE EXPLAINED

**Operation of Large Electric Fan
Caused the Great Loss
of Life.**

DRAFT PRODUCED SUCKS FIRE

**New Theory Advanced Relative
to Cause of the Iroquois
Theater Disaster by
Investigators.**

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The cause of the deadly wave of fire which swept over the Iroquois matinee audience, bringing instant death to hundreds, has been discovered by investigators employed by Corporation Counsel Tolman. The new theory will be demonstrated before the grand jury, and if accepted as correct, may change the basis of the loss of life from the stage, where it was placed by the coroner's jury, to the "front of the house."

The investigation of Alfred C. Mace, a public appraiser, covering a period of over three weeks, led him into a large air chamber above the east wall of the building. Within this chamber, into which led ventilating ducts from every part of the theater, Mr. Mace found a large electric fan, which, when in operation, produced a draft of great force. He declares that he has convinced himself that this fan was operating during the fire and that the draft it produced sucked the fire from the stage across the auditorium and against the east wall. This theory is based, Mr. Mace says, on the fact that he found the iron leaves of the fan melted in places, which could have been brought about only by the intense heat. He believes that the draft produced by the fan was great enough to draw the fire itself into the air chamber.

Few men are satisfied with their callings. With most women the cry is, "Anything but housework."

The leap year girls of San Francisco want it made a misdemeanor for any eligible man to reject a proposal of marriage.

Old stockings cut down the seam make excellent cloths for polishing furniture and floors, as well as soft iron holders.

Fastidious women should never wear fancy stockings when on the street or when walking. The reason is obvious.

If the throat is very sore, wring a cloth out of cold salt water and bind it on the throat when going to bed; cover it with a dry towel.

If a man buys something for the house he always talks of it as a present to his wife; but if they sell their

furniture he wants the money.

When big blessings look little and little troubles look big, you may be sure that there is something wrong with the eyesight of your soul.

No man has yet been discovered who has the moral courage to buy complexion cream for his wife without explaining to the salesman.

In no country is the life of women more pathetic than in Korea, where it might be termed imprisonment with hard labor from the age of seven until death.

Any one can add strength and weight to his body by rubbing well with olive after a warm bath. Oil baths are particularly beneficial to delicate children.

When grease is spilled on the kitchen table or floor, pour cold water on it at once to prevent its soaking into the wood. It will quickly harden and can be lifted with a knife.

HAPPY MOTHER'S TOUCHING STORY

**Of Baby's Dreadful Suffering
from Eczema.**

CURED BY CUTICURA.

**Now His Skin Is as White
as a Snow Flake.**

"A terrible rash broke out on Charlie's poor little face and spread to his neck, chest and back. I had never seen anything quite like it before," writes Mrs. Helena Rath of 821 10th Ave., N. Y. City. "The skin rose in little lumps, and matter came out. My baby's skin was hot, and how he did suffer. He wouldn't eat, and night after night I walked the floor with him, weak as I was. Often I had to stop because I felt faint and my



back throbbed with pain. But the worst pain of all was to see my poor little boy burning with those nasty sores. At last I was persuaded by a friend across the street to try the Cuticura Remedies. She gave me some Cuticura Ointment—I think the box was about half full—and a piece of Cuticura Soap. I followed the directions, bathing Charlie and putting that nice Ointment on the sores. Little by little, but so surely, Charlie and I both got more peace by day and more sleep by night. The sores sort of dried up and went away, and now Charlie is cured completely."

"Yes, that fat little boy by the window is Charlie, and his skin is as white as a snow flake, thanks to the Cuticura Remedies. I think everybody should know about the Soap and Ointment, and if it is going to help other mothers with sick babies, go ahead and publish what I have told you."

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